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Dear Ms. Miller,

I am submitting my calendar year 2009 Financial Disclosure Statement as well as additional information related to previous financial disclosure documents. The following information should have been included in previous disclosure statements but was inadvertently omitted.

I own two patents: U.S. Patent 6,478,606 "Twist-on Connector with a Heat-shrinkable Skirt" issued November 12, 2002, and U.S. Patent 7,351,033 "Wind Turbine Load Control Method" issued April 1, 2008. No commercial interest was generated for U.S. Patent 6,478,606 and the patent initial renewal was not extended, rendering it of no value. No royalty offers or offers of purchase have ever been made for U.S. Patent 7,351,033, and therefore the value is unascertainable. The House Ethics Committee was consulted regarding this issue and provided guidance on further action with respect to the patents.

My wife inherited a small percentage ownership of mineral rights in 2006 managed by Duke Energy/DCP Midstream. I have updated my 2009 Financial Disclosure Statement to reflect the ownership of the mineral rights, and I request that my previous financial disclosure paperwork reflect the ownership. The value of the asset was ascertained from Texas county property tax statements at less than \$1000, but ownership generated more than \$200 in income during 2009.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney

Member of Congress

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